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AFTER FINAL REPLY

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated August 30, 2007, reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are respectfully requested. Claims 1, 4, 5 and 8-10 remain pending.

Claims 1, 4, 5 and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious in view of the combination of U.S. Patent No. 6,661,472 to Shintani and U.S. Patent No. 6,766,526 to Ellis ("Ellis"). This ground of rejection is respectfully traversed.

The combination of Shintani and Ellis does not render claim 1 obvious because the combination does not disclose or suggest a control unit that performs the first selecting procedure recited in this claim. The first selecting procedure is performed when receiving an instruction by the predetermined operation key *that is not preceded by the numerical-value input keys*. This selecting procedure